

CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

Nancy Bertholf
For The Statesman

When Peggy Arthur retired from the Athens Independent School District, she chose Chandler as her new home.

She enjoys being near her sisters and the slower-paced life in a small town. Arthur purchased her home on 4th Street last year and has landscaped the yard and redecorated the interior.

The beautifully decorated fireplace will welcome guests to her traditionally styled home.

Garland, Santas and Christmas trees will be featured in each room.

Arthur enlisted the help of her sister, Lou Jean Epperson, to put the finishing touches on the home's decor.

The annual event is sponsored by Women's Unity Fellowship and is scheduled for Dec. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the Chandler Public Library,

Copeland's Chandler Drug or from the homeowners.

Arthur enjoys decorating and entertaining friends and relatives during the holidays.

She recommends these recipes.

Buttermilk Pralines

3 c. sugar
1 tsp. baking soda
1/8 tsp. salt
1 c. buttermilk
3/4 c. light corn syrup
2 Tbsp. butter
2 c. pecans

Combine all ingredients, except pecans, in a 4-quart pan. Cook to soft ball stage. Add pralines and beat until mixture loses its gloss. Drop onto wax paper. Yield: 3 doz.

Festive

Cranberry Cake

1 angel food cake, prepared
1-1/2 c. chilled whipping cream
1/3 c. confectioners sugar
1 (14 oz.) jar cranberry-orange relish



The Arthur home

Split cake to make 4 layers. In chilled bowl, beat whipping cream and sugar until stiff.

Stack layers spreading each with a fourth of the whipping cream mixture, then a fourth of the cranberry-orange relish.

Swirl it into whipped cream. Refrigerate cake 1 to 2 hours before serving.

County's unemployment rate remains close to 9 percent

Loyd Cook
Staff Reporter

Henderson County unemployment figures continue to run about 3 percent worse than a year ago, according to numbers released Friday by the Texas Workforce Commission.

October figures, the latest to be released, have the county at 8.5 percent unemployment, maintaining the same number that was seen in September and up from the 8.2 percent jobless rate posted in August.

Those same months in 2008 saw jobless rates significantly lower.

In August 2008, unemployment was at 5.6 percent;

September 2008, 5.5 percent; and October 2008, 5.7 percent.

The 8.5 percent unemployment rate for the past two months this year is the highest so far in 2009, and October marked the fifth consecutive month the county has been at, or above, the 8 percent mark.

Henderson County's jobless rate has been below 7 percent only once this year — at 6.7 percent in April.

In 2008, the lowest rate (in April) was 4.3 percent and the highest (December) was 6.3 percent.

November unemployment numbers are expected to be released by the TWC on Dec. 18.

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

The Texas Democratic Women of Henderson County met Nov. 17 at Tilo's Bakery & Restaurant.

Officers for the new year were elected. They are: Carolyn Beatty, president; Maxie Barton, vice president; Karen Penland, secretary; and Ann White, treasurer.

Democratic County Chair Marsha Head announced the Henderson County Commissioners Court has approved a raise for election workers for the general election in November 2010.

The Secretary of State's Office has approved an increase for the primary elections in March.

Filing for ballot positions for federal, state, and local offices begins Dec. 3 and ends at 6 p.m. on Jan. 4, 2010.

Monthly meetings of the Texas Democratic Women

of Henderson County in 2010 will be on the second Wednesday of each month, at 1 p.m., at various locations throughout Henderson County.

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She sighed, thinking she
was so special,
'Cause God had created
All of this magic for her,
His special child.

by Linda Amos

OBIT

Don Olson

Graveside services for Don Lynn Olson were held Nov. 12, 2009, at New Hope Cemetery with Rev. Tommy Weems officiating.

Don was a member of New Hope Methodist Church. He was born Sept. 15, 1946, in Athens, Texas, and lived in Henderson County all his life.

He went to be with the Lord Nov. 10, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Huey Hudnel and Johnnie Kidd Olson; and two brothers, Lester Olson and Marvin Olson.

Survivors include Huey Olson, Adrian Olson, Coy Olson, and Minnie Lou Wright, all of Brownsboro, and Rita Lane of Canton.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

BROWNSBORO YFA

The Brownsboro Young Farmer Association's annual ag auction is scheduled for Dec. 5, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

A chili dinner will be followed by silent and live auctions at 7.

HOMETOWN HEROES

The deadline to obtain applications for this year's hometown heroes is set for Dec. 4.

Applications may be picked up at the Brownsboro Police Department and fire departments.

REDISCOVER

CHRISTMAS

Rediscover Christmas is scheduled for Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Scott's Gym in Murchison.
Call 903-852-6791

MASONIC LODGE

The Brownsboro Masonic Lodge meets on the second Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m.

The Chandler Masonic Lodge No. 993 meets on the third Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m.

FBC BROWNSBORO

Faith Baptist Church of Brownsboro hosts a senior citizen luncheon each Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.
Call 903-852-4129.

CHANDLER LIONS

The Chandler Lions Club regular meeting dates are at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Chandler Community Center on State Highway 31 near City Hall.

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The Statesman welcomes and encourages letters and e-mails from readers.

Letters must include the names, addresses and telephone numbers for verification purposes. Only your name and city will be published. Anonymous letters will not be published.

All letters are subject to editing and must be limited to 400 words or less.

Letters must not be false or misleading. The paper reserves the right to authenticate any information in letters. If misleading information is printed, we will submit a retraction as the information is called to our attention.

It is our goal to give those in the community a place to voice their opinions.

Deadline:

The deadline for display advertising in The Statesman is noon on Monday.

The classified ad deadline is Monday at noon for the same week's paper.

Family News Policy:

Family news such as wedding or engagement announcements must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday for publication on a space-available basis in the same week's newspaper. Please include a telephone number to call if questions arise about spelling, etc.

Engagement announcements must be signed by the prospective bride and groom, or other satisfactory arrangements made by which the newspaper may verify authenticity.

Birth announcements should be signed by both parents and are published free of charge.

A \$20 fee applies for engagement announcements and a \$50 fee for wedding announcements. A photo may be included at no extra cost.

Anniversary announcements with photos are published for \$5.25 per column inch and are free for couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage.

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